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Murder Suspect Arrested by Border Patrol

Agents discover victim's body hours after arrest

CHULA VISTA, Calif. – Border Patrol agents, who responded to a local man's request for assistance, discovered a deceased woman in a residence early Thursday morning in the East County.

According to initial reports, the man stopped a Border Patrol agent working in the Jacumba area at 4:40 a.m. to ask if the agent had seen his wife and her car, both of which had been missing since 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night. The agent had not, but promised to be on the lookout.

Later that morning, the man again approached the agent, saying that he had located his wife and needed assistance. The agent immediately contacted a nearby Border Patrol Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to respond. The agents were led to a house where they discovered the unconscious body of the wife lying on the floor. Paramedics and San Diego County Sheriffs Deputies were contacted. The woman was declared dead at the scene by the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office.

A short time later, agents learned that the victim's car had been stopped by Border Patrol agents at the Interstate 8 checkpoint around 8:00 p.m. the previous night. The driver, a male Mexican national illegally in the United States, had been arrested for unrelated immigration violations. Custody of the suspect and vehicle was remanded to the San Diego County Sheriff's Office for further investigation.

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